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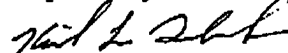
REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to correct typographical errors contained therein. No new matter has been added. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define the present invention. Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1-20 define the present invention over the known art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is accordingly requested.

Furthermore, in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, listed on the attached equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are those patents, publications and other information known to the Applicant(s) which may be considered material to the patentability.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached equivalent to Form PTO-1449, and those references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 22, 2003, be considered by the Examiner, that the references be made of record in the present application, and that an initialed copy of the duplicate equivalent to Form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP 609. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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